

# JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

CASE 1080-0-01

#### NARRATIVE

ON 11 MARCH 1968, MAJOR RONALD D. BOND WAS FLYING AN A-37A AIRCRAFT (SERIAL NUMBER 67-14506) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION. HIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED DURING A STRAFING PASS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS473533, APPROXIMATELY 6 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DAT DO AND 4 KILOMETERS WEST OF LANG PHUOC HAI, BA RIA-VUNG TAU PROVINCE. THE OTHER FLIGHT MEMBER DID SAW NO PARACHUTE AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS. A GROUND TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE AND RETRIEVED THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM REPORTED THE AIRCRAFT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND DID NOT RECOVER ANY REMAINS OF THE PILOT.

## PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BOND, RONALD DALE

RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 JULY 1930

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS

WEIGHT: 87.0 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BLOND

EYES: BLUE

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# BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

REFNO: 1081-0-01 (A Name: ROGERS, EDWAR		Status: (N) DEAD Date Status assign	BODY NOT RECOVERED ned: 12 Mar 1968
	ORPS   Sex MALE   Hair BLOND   Eyes BLUE   Height 68 in 948   Weight 123 lk   SETTS   Religion CAT	Blood type Complexion Weapon Weapon No Duty pos PHOLIC PW Camp  FORMATION ====================================	e O + · n FAIR # #
Site Type: UTM: Lat/Long: Country: Military Region: Mission Province:	INCIDENT LOCATION GROUND SITE 48QYD274675 165253N / 1070806E SOUTH VIETNAM 1 QUANG TRI BEN HAI 12 Mar 1968 3 Unknown location.		
Folders Passed: Jul Investigations: Aug Surveys: Aug 93 Vessey Case: NO Case type: GROUND	93, May 92 93	VITY SUMMARY =======	
######################################	====== VEHICLE	C DATA ===========	
Vehicle Type Crash Type Call Sign Year	: None : \$	Serial: \$ Engine Type: 1 Serial: 2 Serial:	

= Item is not applicable to this case.
or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

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# === CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

### 11 December 1975

ON 12 MARCH 1968, PFC EDWARD F. ROGERS, 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES, 3RD MARINE DIVISION, WAS A MEMBER OF A COMPANY-SIZE COMBAT OPERATION IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE CUA VIET ESTUARY IN QUANG TRI PROVIENCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. (THE ONLY GRID COORDINATES AVAILABLE FOR THIS INCIDENT ARE YD 274 675.) DURING THE OPERATION THE 1ST PLATOON WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE, AND IN THE ENSUING ACTION PFC ROGERS WAS KILLED. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE MADE TO TRY TO LOCATE HIS BODY, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO RECORD OF THE EXTENT OF THESE EFFORTS. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THIS GENERAL AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS OR GROUND INSPECTIONS TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CASE. PFC ROGERS' NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. PFC ROGERS IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

#### === REFERENCES ===

#### 11 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, AWARD RECOMMENDATION, CO F, 2ND BN, 4TH MAR (REIN), 30 MAR 68. <2> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

# === NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

## 20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

#### 6 October 1993

ON 24 AUG 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1081 IN GIO MAI VILLAGE, GIO LINH DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. IE2 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED LIMITED HERSAY INFORMATION ON A U.S. SOLDIER KILLED NEAR GIO MAI VILLAGE. THE WITNESS DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE VICTIM'S BODY. IE2 SURVEYED THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 1081 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DURING THE SURVEY, TEAM MEMBERS QUESTIONED OTHER VILLAGERS REGARDING U.S. LOSSES IN THE AREA. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE RECEIVED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. (REF 2)



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ON 12 MARCH 1968, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD F. ROGERS WAS KILLED IN ACTION DURING COMBAT WITH HOSTILE FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD274675, APPROXIMATELY 8 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHEAST OF DONG HA AND 500 METERS NORTHWEST OF MAI XA CHANH, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DUE TO THE HOSTILE SITUATION, HIS UNIT WAS UNABLE TO RECOVER HIS BODY. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE BATTLE AREA FAILED TO LOCATE PRIVATE ROGERS.

# PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: ROGERS, EDWARD FRANCIS

RANK: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, U.S. MARINE CORPS

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 SEPTEMBER 1948

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS

WEIGHT: 55.7 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BLOND

EYES: BLUE